

Spring Arrives Early This Week in Nevada City

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NEVADA CITY, Calif. Feb. 10, 2010 - For a special preview of the floral abundance we see in our spring landscape, join Wildflowers Forever and the Redbud chapter of California Native Plant Society this Friday for free a slide show and panel discussion about how to use native plants to create a home landscape that is drought-tolerant, fire-safe and wildlife-friendly.

Both groups have programs that promote use of native plants in the landscape. The native plant society has plant sales twice a year-in spring and fall-where you will find the best selection of native plants available anywhere in Nevada County.

Wildflowers Forever has two education programs that teach you how to use those plants in your landscape. The first of these is Sierra Smart Gardening Workshops and Garden Tours, a series of five full-day Saturday workshops will be taught by an all-volunteer team of local landscape designers, horticulturists and fire-safety advisors.

The other program is Wildflowers Forever's Home Consultations, which will provide 50 free on-site landscape consultations to homeowners in the greater Grass Valley/Nevada City area. Each consultation will include an assessment of the property and recommendations for conservation practices in the garden.

Funding for the Home Consultation program has been provided by the Sierra Nevada Alliance's Yard & Garden Program and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy, an agency of the State of California. For more information on the Sierra Nevada Alliance, visit www.sierranevadaalliance.org.

You can learn more about all these sustainable landscaping programs this Friday, February 12, from 7-9 pm at the Community Room of the Madelyn Helling Library in Nevada City. Please join us for a free-to-the-public slide show presentation, Protecting Your Watershed with Conservation Gardening. All the Sierra Smart Gardening instructors will be there to share their experience and answer questions about the workshops and home consultations. Call Brad Carter at 530-271-5790 for more information.